the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) covers the setting up of new project as well as expansion or modernisation of existing activities listed in Schedule-I of it.

(c) and (d) Since the issuance of the EIA notification, Government has given environmental clearance to seven projects in petroleum sector, five projects in power sector and two projects in fertilizer sector from the State of Gujarat. No projects in drugs and pharmaceuticals have been cleared during the period.

Modicication of new education policy

*590. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend modifying and bringing about uniformity in the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make the primary, secondary and university education as well as vocational education more practical, employment-oriented and human value-based;

(d) if so, the progress achieved in the field of literacy, adult education and non-formal education, etc.;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to increase the budget on education for the next three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (f) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its Programme of Action (POA) were updated and tabled in the Parliament in 1992. Aspects of uniformity in education, employment-oriented education and value education are built into it. As of now emphasis would be on toning up the implementation and stepping up resources for education so that there is a better linkage between education and the world of work and improvement of access, retention and quality at all stages of education, particularly, elementary education.

About 53.19 million persons have been made literate till 31.03.1996 under Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) and other adult literacy programmes. About 70 lakhs out-of-school children are covered in 2.79 lakhs Non-Formal Education(NFE) Centres.

The Government is committed to increase allocation on education and on primary education in particular.

Transfer of non-woven jute technology by J.T.R.L.

*591. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Technological Research Laboratory (J.T.R.L.) has transferred non-woven jute technology to some other private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some commercial trials were undertaken at some private and public sector industries on bulk trial basis to test the none-woven technology developed at JTRL Calcutta in order to determine the technical and commercial feasibility before transfer of the technology could take place. However, actual transfer of technology was not done.

Implementation of afforestation projects in Gujarat

*592. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Centrally-sponsored integrated afforestation and economic